

THE SUN FLOWER STATE.

Spellbinders Galore and Much Political Enthusiasm—Mrs. Barnett on the Hstings—Among the Schools—Notes.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—The political pot here is boiling over with enthusiasm in these latter day. Speakers of every known party are exploiting the principles of their chosen candidates and of the party represented.

Roosevelt, Bryan, Deba, and others, have spoken here to crowded houses, receiving, each in his turn, the applause of the house. This week are highly gratified to receive in our midst Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett who is conducting a series of meetings in the interest of the republican party. These meetings have been well attended and have received excellent press notices and comments.

The public schools of the city have started off this year with an unusual amount of energy. The manual training introduced a few years ago through the efforts of the Woman's League, is succeeding admirably, while the kindergarten established this year through the agency of the Progress Study club, constitute another step ahead of which we are justly proud. Lincoln High School under the management of Professor G. N. Grisham is full to overflowing and stands greatly in need of a larger and more suitable building, and it is hoped that at a very early date the school board will respond to this urgent need.

The addition of Miss C. Cross recently a teacher in Central High School, Galveston, Texas, to the faculty of our High School is a matter of much congratulation, as Miss Cross is a teacher of experience and possesses those sterling qualities and virtues which are so necessary to those placed in charge of our growing boys and girls, and expected in a measure at least to train these young people for the noblest and most important duties of citizenship.

Miss Anna H. Jones, fresh from her European trip, where she added fresh laurels to an already resplendent crown, addressed the high school section of the teachers' institute on Saturday morning. Miss Jones was enthusiastically received and held the closest attention of the audience. Kansas City is rapidly becoming a convention city, and since the democratic convention no week has seemed complete without the presence of some great national gathering. This week it is the National American Missionary Society of the Christian Church with its numerous delegates, and since this church maintains several denominational schools for Afro-Americans its meetings are of some interest from our point of view.

The Damon and Pythias Club.

Charleston, S. C. Special.—The Damon and Pythias Club of this city, presented to the public, the historic drama "Damon and Pythias," recently, before a crowded house. This was the first attempt of this club to present this play, which was done in masterly style. The attempt in this direction and the successful presentation of this classical play, by this club, deserve great praise and encouragement. The scenic effect surpassed any thing ever attempted in Charleston.

Cast: Mr. Joseph H. Bingham, Damon; Mr. R. H. Blaney, Pythias; Mr. George H. Dubose, Tyrant King Dionysus; Mr. Floyd Oliver, Damocles; Mr. Clarence Cole, Philistinus; Mr. W. H. Bell, Procles; Mr. Phillip S. Thorne jr., Luculaus; Mrs. R. H. Blaney, Ca-



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lanthe; Miss Georgetta L. Wood, Hermon; Miss Fay Grant, Child of Damon; Senators, Guards, Officers, Soldiers, etc.

Mr. Joseph H. Bingham showed marked ability as an actor. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blaney and Miss Georgetta L. Wood deserve special mention. By request this drama will be repeated in the near future.

Colored High School Cadets.

The following appointments have been made in the High School Battalion for the ensuing year:

Major, Walter T. Ray; Adjutant, Roland Johnson; Sergt.-Major, Roscoe Orme; Captains, Darnley Hawkesworth, Co. A; Clayton Bannister, Co. B; Robert Mattingly, Co. C. 1st Lieutenants, Clarence Lewis, Co. A; Arthur Turner, Co. B; William Tolson, Co. C. 2nd Lieutenants, Chester Jarvis, Co. A; James Campbell, Co. B; Frederick Morton, Co. C. 1st Sergts., William Maxwell, Co. A; Rutherford Berryman, Co. B; Joseph Johnson, Co. C. 2nd Sergts., Eugene Clark, Co. A; Roscoe Brown, Co. B; Ernest Lewis, Co. C. 3rd Sergts., Roscoe Wormley, Co. A; Luther Sadgwar, Co. B; Alfred Brent, Co. C. 4th Sergts., Oliver Burris, Co. A; Edward Tyson, Co. B; Royal Mundy, Co. C. 5th Sergts., Harry Tignor, Co. A; Alphonso Lee, Co. B; William Fair, Co. C. Corporals, Prince Beaman, William Tinney, Walter Dixon, Roscoe Vaughn, Thomas Johnson, John Ashton, James Lawson, Wendell Smith, Josiah Henderson, William English, Ernest Finn, Russell Locke.

Mr. Clarence C. White, who has completed a course of study in the Oberlin Ohio Conservatory of Music, and has taken an additional course of instruction under one of the professors from the Berlin Conservatory of Music, will give a violin recital under the auspices of the Sunday school of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Friday evening, November 2d, 1900. Admission twenty-five cents.

Mr. Bernardine Smith, besides being an expert typist, is a violinist of the highest grade. His work in training the orchestra for the celebration of St. Augustine's feast at St. Augustine's church stamped as a thorough master of the musical art, and the faultless execution of the classic program placed his stock higher than ever. Mr. Smith is one of our most capable and deserving young men, and his career is being watched with much interest.

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